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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when we look to the heavens and see the works of Your fingers in the moon and stars, we feel astonished that You care about us. You are the High and Holy One who inhabits eternity, but You have promised to never forsake us, even when we go astray.

Today, help our lawmakers to remember Your declaration in Luke 14:11, which states:

For those who make themselves great will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be made great.

Provide our Senators with the things they need to accomplish Your purposes on Earth even as they are done in heaven. And Lord, we continue to ask You to bless Ukraine.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this is a dark and disturbing morning for America. Last night, a report disclosed that a conservative majority of the United States Supreme Court is ready to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and uproot decades of precedent affirming a woman's right to an abortion. If this report is accurate, the Supreme Court is poised to inflict the greatest restriction of rights in the past 50 years—not just on women, but on all Americans.

Under this decision, our children will have less rights than their parents. The Republican-appointed Justices' reported votes to overturn *Roe v. Wade* will go down as an abomination—one of the worst, most damaging decisions in modern history.

Several of these conservative Justices, who are in no way accountable to

the American people, have lied to the U.S. Senate, ripped up the Constitution, and defiled both precedence and the Supreme Court's reputation, all at the expense of tens of millions of women who could soon be stripped of their bodily autonomy and the constitutional rights they have relied on for over half a century.

The party of Lincoln and Eisenhower has now completely devolved into the Party of Trump.

Every Republican Senator who supported Senator McCONNELL and voted for Trump Justices, pretending that this day would never come, will now have to explain themselves to the American people.

I will have more to say later this morning, but I want to make three things clear.

First, now that the Court is poised to strike down *Roe*, it is my intention for the Senate to hold a vote on legislation to codify the right to an abortion in law.

Second, a vote on this legislation is not an abstract exercise. This is as urgent and real as it gets. We will vote to protect a woman's right to choose, and every American is going to see which side every Senator stands. Every American is going to see on which side every Senator stands.

Third, to the American people, I say this: The elections this November will have consequences because the rights of 100 million women are now on the ballot.

To help fight this Court's awful decision, I urge every American to make their voices heard this week and this year.

I urge Americans to call their Members, to write their Members, to email their Members, to text their Members, and most of all, to cast their ballots.

Make no mistake, the blame for this decision falls squarely on Republican Senators and the Senate Republicans

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